



☒ Executive Committee ☐ District Leadership Council ☐ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/01/2018	3:00 PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 3:03 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Bonde, Riggle, Maas, Weiss, Taylor and Zimmermann
EXCUSED	Schmidt
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. Agenda approval and repair

DISCUSSION	Larry had no changes to the posted agenda.
ACTION	Motion by Taylor 2nd Weiss to approve as published. MC.

D. Public comments

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Proposed rules affecting Chapter NR10 and 16 related to deer carcass transportation, deer

Bonde

A. farm fencing and chronic wasting disease (2.B.3 on NRB August agenda)

DISCUSSION	After Larry explained the proposal, the discussion that followed resulted in the fact that we already have a position of support for CWD management.	
ACTION	Larry will convey that position to the NRB Board at there meeting. No further action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

Proposed rules affecting chapter 10 related to establishing an early close to the 2018 ruffed

Bonde

B. grouse season (2.C.2 on NRB August agenda)

DISCUSSION	Both Larry and Mike gave a review of the propose emergency rule that would be for one year. They both stated that all of the discussion that took place about 75% of the people felt that there was something outside that caused the grouse decline and the rest were against a change or had no opinion. There were many ideas that were discussed and many had merit. Dale stated that our initial position was to bring up to the NRB that Wisconsin does not have a grouse management plan for one and we thought that being proactive rather than study the issue for years might be a prudent course of action. His position was that we could modify the season closure some if that would be a fair compromise. He also wanted to make sure during our testimony that we emphasized the need for a management plan sooner rather than later along with sharing the ideas we received.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Weiss to Modify our position to a closure of December 31, emphasize the need for a management plan very soon and share ideas on this emergency 1 year rule. M/C.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Sportsmen for Wetlands MOU

Bonde

DISCUSSION	Larry reviewed the proposed MOU. Dale thought that the wording was appropriate and allowed the needed flexibility given the governance we operate under. Joe also mentioned that it was nonpolitical which was a plus.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Riggle to authorize signing of MOU pending legal review by Chandra. M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Dale reported on the upgrading of the WCC educational trailers and status of the MOU between OHEC and the WCC. The last edits have been made and we need to put it on our next agenda for review. He also asked for permission to send a letter out to the DLC with a request for help and donations to the project which was approved.</p> <p>Joe had questions on the district meeting agenda and requested clarification on the sexual harassment issue. Kari will be sending a link to all delegates next week pertaining to that. For clarification DLC delegates should just share the information that will be sent to them. Kari reminded DLC leaders to collect the fee increase survey. Ask for possible articles to be contributed for the Conservation Chronicle and the delegate information section on the web page.</p> <p>Mike nothing.</p> <p>Joel nothing.</p> <p>Kari nothing.</p> <p>Larry said he needed someone to represent the WCC on an Aquatic Plant management study committee. Larry will send out the request to the DLC.</p> <p>He also asked for members of the Ex. Committee to sit in on some of the up coming committee meetings.</p> <p>Joe will split his attendance between the Turkey /Upland game meeting and Fur harvest meeting on August 18th.</p> <p>Mike will attend the Rules and Resolutions Committee meeting on August 25th. Larry thanked them for helping on this.</p> <p>Motion by Taylor 2nd Weiss to adjourn. M/C.</p>
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:56 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	08/02/2018